

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the following paragraph for the abstract now appearing in the currently filed specification:

When a latch element 13 is inserted in an opening 16 of a first connector element 11, a cantilevered flexible portion 24 of the latch element 13 is retained in and latchingly engaged ~~in~~ with the first connector element 11 ~~at the other a deflectable end portion of the same cantilevered flexible portion.~~ When the second connector element 12 is inserted in and mated with the first connector element 11, the ~~other deflectable~~ end portion of the cantilevered flexible portion 24 is deflected in a direction orthogonal to the insertion/mating direction of the second connector element 12 to force the ~~other deflectable~~ end portion of the cantilevered flexible portion to move in the direction orthogonal to an insertion/mating direction, so as to release the retention of the latch element 13 with the first connector element 11, thereby rendering the latch element 13 movable in an insertion direction thereof. ~~This can provide an electrical connector assembly excellent in workability that can allow easy release of the retention of the latch element with the first connector element to render the latch element movable in the insertion direction when the second connector element is inserted in and mated with the first connector element.~~